

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of Thursday, February 22, 2018

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) met as noticed. Present were Chairperson Nowak, Commissioner Huebsch, and Commissioner Roberts.

Minutes

The Commission approved the minutes of the open meeting of Thursday, February 15, 2018.

6690-EA-189 – Application of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, as an Electric Public Utility, for Authority to Abandon and Remove Approximately 789 Feet of Single-Phase, Overhead Electric Distribution Line in the Town of Wausaukee, Marinette County, Wisconsin

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

3160-ER-108 – Application of the City of Lodi, Columbia County, Wisconsin, as an Electric Public Utility, for Authority to Adjust Electric Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

4190-ER-107 – Application of North Central Power Company, Inc., for Authority to Adjust Electric Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

6050-TI-103 – Application of Frontier Communications of Wisconsin, LLC, to Amend its Certificate of Authority and to Expand the Area in which It Is Designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and Request for Comments and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

5820-SB-133 – Application of Superior Water, Light and Power Company for Authority to Issue Short-Term Notes Not to Exceed \$10 Million at Any Time During 2018

The Commission approved the application filed on behalf of Superior Water, Light and Power Company to issue and have outstanding up to \$10 million of short-term debt during 2018.

The Commission directed the Division of Energy Regulation to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

5-RA-100 – Multiple Telecommunications Providers’ Objections to 2018 Remainder Assessment

Multiple Telecommunications Providers’ Request for Cessation of Direct Assessment for Costs Associated with Objection

The Commission directed that a Notice and Request for Briefing be issued in this docket and prescribed the date, time, and issues to be included in the Notice.

The Commission did not direct Commission staff to open an investigation to evaluate potential revisions to the remainder/advance assessment methodology under Wis. Stat. § 196.85(2).

The Commission did not grant the request to recover all costs related to this docket through the remainder/advance assessment and directed that the costs of this docket be collected through a direct assessment against each of the named objectors.

The Commission directed the Division of Business and Program Management to draft the Notice and Request for Briefing consistent with its discussion.

6690-CC-213012 – Request for Formal Review of Complaint Filed by LVP SHS Green Bay Holding Corp. against Wisconsin Public Service Corporation

The Commission denied the request of LVP SHS Green Bay Holding Corporation for a formal review of its complaint against Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, relating to its request that the utility waive a high demand charge that resulted from an unplanned outage.

Commissioner Huebsch dissented.

The Commission directed the Division of Water, Telecommunications, and Consumer Affairs to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

5350-ER-110 – Application of the City of Shawano, Shawano County, Wisconsin, as an Electric Public Utility, for Authority to Increase Electric Rates

The Commission discussed the application filed on behalf of Shawano Municipal Utilities (Shawano), as an electric public utility, for authority to increase electric rates, and made determinations, including the following:

1. The Commission accepted all of the uncontested alternatives identified in the Final Decision Matrix.
2. The Commission declined to adopt a specific cost-of-service study model and will rely on the results of all models.
3. The Commission adopted and modified the proposed revenue allocation submitted on behalf of Aarrowcast, Inc. (Aarrowcast), with an estimated increase of 2.61 percent for residential customers, 2.77 percent for general service customers, 2.72 percent for large general service and small power service (Cp-1) customers, 3.33 percent for large power service (Cp-2) customers, 2.06 percent for industrial power service (Cp-3), 4.0 percent for large industrial power (Cp-4) customers, and 2.97 percent for lighting service customers.
4. The Commission accepted the overall electric rate design proposed by the Citizens Utility Board, Ex.-CUB-Singletary-3r, as adjusted for the approved allocation and final revenue requirement.
5. The Commission directed Shawano to work with Commission staff and Aarrowcast to study the impacts of implementing a PCAC2 mechanism for the Cp-4 customer class and to present the results of the study at its next rate case.
6. The Commission did not provide direction to Shawano on the timing of its next rate case.

The Commission directed the Division of Energy Regulation to draft an order consistent with its discussion. The Commission further determined that the draft order shall be returned to the Commission for final review and approval.

CLOSED SESSION – The Commission recessed the open meeting, went into closed session under Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g) to discuss the litigation matters noted below with legal counsel, and reconvened the open meeting pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(2).

Commissioner Nowak moved, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g), that the Commission convene in closed session to discuss the litigation matter listed below. Commissioner Huebsch seconded the motion. The motion was carried and the Commission went into closed session.

After a discussion in closed session, the Commission reconvened in open session.

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**EPA Docket No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0545 –Environmental Protection Agency’s Advance
Notice**

Notice of Proposed Comments

The Commission authorized the filing of comments in the above matter consistent with its discussion.

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sandra J. Paske". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Sandra J. Paske
Secretary to the Commission

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